(c) and (d) Shri A.K. Bhandari, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs visited Kolkata on 22nd/23rd February, 2002 to take stock of the situation arising out of the shooting incident and to determine the assistance required by the State Government to strengthen security arrangements, including procurement of sophisticated weapons. The immediate requirement of sophisticated weapons has been met.

Participation of Private Entrepreneurs in Wasteland Development

*94 SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any scheme to encourage private entrepreneurs to come forward in development of wasteland on a large scale;

(b) if so, whether single window clearance is proposed for such proposals; and

(c) the details of the scheme proposed to be introduced by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Department of Land Resources (DoLR) in the Ministry of Rural Development are currently implementing the Investment Promotional Scheme (Central Sector) to mobilize resources from Financial Institutions, Banks, Corporate Bodies and Private Entrepreneurs for the development of non-forest wastelands belonging to Central and State Governments, Panchayats, Village Communities and Private farmers. The Scheme has provision for grant/ subsidy as well as promoter's contribution so as to bring about effective participation of the beneficiaries. The Scheme was restructured (after a review of its performance) and the revised Scheme which became operational in August, 1998, was made more broad based with a focus on benefits to small and marginal farmers, including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. The details of grant/subsidy and the promoter's contribution are contained in the Statement *(See* below*)*.

In the projects to be considered for subsidy under the Investment Promotional Scheme, various stake holders are involved with the promoter owning the wastelands (making his own contribution), Banks and Financial Institutions lending 50% cost of the project and the Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural Development) sanctioning the grant/subsidy.

Single window clearance is now warranted for such proposals since the projects, after appraisal by a Bank, are sanctioned by a composite Committee in the DoLR comprising representatives of the Bank concerned, NABARD, Secretary of the Nodal Department of Wastelands Development in the State concerned (or his representative) and of the DoLR.

Statement

Details of Central Promotional Grant/Subsidy and Promotoers' contribution under investment promotional scheme

A. *Details of promotional grant/subsidy*:*

(i)	General Category (Individual/Group)	25% of On-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less.
(ii)	Small farmers (Individual/Group)	30% of On-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less.
(iii)	Marginal Farmers (Individual/Group)	50% On-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less.
	*SC/ST Farmers without any limit in the area of holdings (Individual/Group).	

B. *Details of promoter's contribution:*

(i)	For General Category (Individual/Group)	At least 25% of the project cost
(ii)	For Small Farmers (Individual/Group)	At least 10% of the project cost
(iii)	(a) Marginal Farmers (Individual/Group) (b) SC/ST Farmers without any limit in the area of holdings. (Individual/Group)	Nil. However, at the time of execution of the project, the family labour should be involved to provide self employment, thus ensuring participation.

* For the purpose of calculating subsidy, the total cost for On-farm development activities shall not exceed Rs. 20,000/-per hectare.